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Dear BLM:

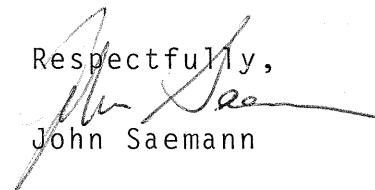
IN RE: Wstn.Ore.Plan Revisions

We commend you for the exhaustive WOPR produced by your dedicated staff. A reliable and sustainable timber supply is an achievable goal, but not at the cost of heightened wildfire and insect infestation risk for the even-age monoculture planned as replacements for the existing 140,000 acres of old growth forest. As you know, they now represent approximately 18% of the Pacific Northwest's remaining resilient older forests.

Your preferred alternative would remove almost a million acres of mature trees from the scientific framework of the Northwest Forest Plan through clearcutting and converting them to an 80-100 year rotation. We urge you not to shrink the existing stream and wetlands buffers so water quality is protected for the communities which depend on them.

The Suislaw National Forest, in our opinion, serves as a superior example of how public forests are best managed. We urge you to consider it as the preferred alternative. It supplies timber without destroying this natural resource.

Respectfully,


John Saemann

c: Hon. Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress